

Don't jolt in ruts. Vary your services and methods.

Don't make long pulpit prayers. Tedi-ous petitions drag heavily.

Don't imitate others. Better be a poor original than a fine copy.

Don't numble your words. Chew your food, but not your language.

Don't preach long sermons. "No conversions after the first half hour."

Don't be cold in your delivery. Preach redhot from the heart a positive Gospel.

Don't speak in a monotone. The voice has numerous keys: play on as many as possible.

Don't be untidy. You cannot teach men to become clean inside if you are unclean outside.

Don't "grow weary in well-doing." "Kill yourself with work, and pray yourself alive again."

Don't harp too much on one string. Variety is pleasing, and God's work gives ample choice of themes.

Don't tire people out with long introductions. You can spoil the appetite for dinner by too much thin soup.

Don't figure for a larger field of labor. If the Lord has got anything bigger for you he will let you know it.

Don't neglect study and closet prayer. The finest human pipes give forth no music unless filled with the divine breath.

Don't hesitate to speak on public questions of the day,—and all evils, too,—but do not introduce party politics in the pulpit.

Don't seek the praise of men. Preach in such a way that they will not be so much pleased with you as displeased with themselves.

Don't brawl or scream. Too much water stops mill wheels, and too much voice drowns sense. Thunder is harmless; lightning strikes.

Don't scold your congregation or the burden-bearers. Attack measures and hit people only when they stand between you and the devil.

Don't grumble because of little fruit. The hand must pluck the few ears, and patiently labor for the sheaves of the greater harvest by and by.

Don't drop your voice at the close of a sentence. The effect is practically lost. Your audience has as much need to hear the end as the beginning.

Don't forget the boys and girls in service and out. Their attention is well worth gaining, and you may often be able to reach older hearts through younger ears.

Don't be envious of others and more successful ministers than yourself; if it is in your nature—"that green-eyed mon-

ster"—pray the good Lord to cast it out.

Don't go on after you have finished, saying, "As I said before." If you said it before, say something else after. Let the clatter of the mill cease when the corn is ground.

Don't ramble here and there. Aim at the mark. Hit it! Stop and see where the shot struck, and then fire another broadside straight from the shoulder. Pack your sermons.

UNITED EFFORTS.

[Read at the Elkhart County Union meeting. DEITY ETTLEIN.]

In speaking of this most important subject we will, if you grant us the privilege, demonstrate in the first place, by secular forces. In studying the great battle of Gettysburg, we find it took a concentrated force of our federal army to repel the forces of the confederate army. By one united effort they were driven from the field. Just so in the great forces of the Christian army, in their marches for salvation. We must have one motive, one object, one great purpose in view, our eyes centered on the cross of calvary; that it is ours and we are going to capture it in spite of all obstructions thrown in our way.

The church, or our Lord and Saviour, is the leading force, or propelling power by which this gospel army is moved.

This great commander delivers orders to his different posts for all to move in one grand march for his camp. His church starts, and on the way gathers in all the auxiliaries by the wayside.

It comes to the Sunday-school, gathers her in ranks and passes along. The social meeting must be taken in. The King's Children strengthens the forces, and she enters for the great battle. Next C. E. swells the ranks, and by all the forces of this great army are united in one mass, battling for the motive, forming one unbroken chain coming in link by link, until it completely surrounds the enemy.

Dear brothers and sisters, united we can take the battle-grounds, divided we fall. Christ says a house or kingdom divided against itself will fall. Then let us establish new posts, enlarge our borders, strengthen the weak sentinels, educate the unlearned—spiritually, stand by a fallen brother, be guided by the precept of the gospel, lay hold of its promises, and by the time this work is done our cable, comparatively speaking, will be woven so strong as to be impossible for it to be loosened.

Do with thy might, what thy hands find to do trusting in God for power to lead the victory.

Personal Mention.

Brother J. D. McFaden reports two accessions at Carleton, Neb.

Brother Tombaugh reports two accessions at Miamisburg, Ohio.

Prof. J. C. Beal spent a few days at Ankneytown, last week, on business.

Brother E. B. Shaver reports seven accessions since his last notice in the paper,

Prof. L. L. Garber, Principal of the Belleville schools, spent a few days at Ashland last week.

Sister Sadie Berkley returned home from Cleveland, where she spent a very pleasant vacation for a week or two.

Two of the young men, members of the theological class, during the past year, now have regular charges, doing practical service for the Master.

Brothhr J. C. Mackey closed his first year's work as pastor of the Meyersdale charge, April 1. During this time sixty-five members were added to the three congregations of this charge. These accessions are but one of the visible results of an able and earnest worker in God's vineyard.

Brother Roger Darling is conducting revival services at Moxham, Johnstown, Pa. Two accessions when last heard from, April 4. Brother Darling has been engaged as pastor by the Rosedale and Moxham congregations, for one year. He is an earnest, faithful, minister, and we bespeak for him and his people, a successful year's work.

Brother Grisso and wife have, this week, moved to North Liberty, Ohio, where they expect to remain for at least one year. Brother Grisso has been called to the pastorate of the North Liberty and Ankneytown congregations. Brother Grisso preaches the Gospel in its purity and with great earnestness. He will do good work for his people.

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